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1. MEXICO CITY ENGLISH-LANGUAGE NEWS 12 AUG CARRIES FOLLOW-UP STORY ON THAYER WALDO BY PEARL GONZALEZ. GISTI FOLLOWS.
2. THAYER WALDO REPORTED 11 AUGUST TO BE WORKING ON A NEWS STORY FOR "RAMPARTS" MAGAZINE. WHILE A SPOKESMAN FOR "RAMPARTS" SAID WALDO HAS AN ASSIGNMENT FOR THE MAGAZINE, HE DECLINED TO SAY EXACTLY WHAT THE ASSIGNMENT IS OR WHERE WALDO LOCATED.
3. WHEN THE NEWS CONTACTED WILLIAM TURNER, STAFF WRITER OF THE CALIFORNIA MAGAZINE AT NOON 11 AUG, HE SAID: "I JUST TALKED TO WALDO FIVE MINUTES AGO. THERE'S NO PROBLEM. HE'S JUST BUSY TRAVELING, WHICH IS WHY HE HASN'T WRITTEN TO ANYONE OR WHY HE HASN'T LEFT A FORWARDING ADDRESS. EVEN AS HE WERE UP HE WAS GETTING READY TO LEAVE FOR ANOTHER CITY."
4. TURNER WENT ON TO SAY THAT WALDO EXPLAINED HIS RESIGNATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF THE AMERICAS AND HIS RESULTING FROM PRESSURES APPLIED TO US OFFICIALS BY POWERFUL AMERICAN BUSINESS INTERESTS FOLLOWING HIS TALK AT THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CLUB DURING THE WASHINGTON REPORT. WALDO LEFT FOR ANOTHER CITY IN LUG

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ANGELES, IN JULY, TURNER SAID, WIRED HIS RESIGNATION TO UA, THEN FOLLOWED UP WITH A LETTER TO DR. D. RAY LINDLEY, PRESIDENT OF UA. FROM LOS ANGELES WALDO CONTINUED TO SAN FRANCISCO WHERE HE CONTACTED "TRAMPARTS" AND WAS PUT TO WORK ON TEMPORARY BASIS. TURNER CONCLUDED BY SAYING WALDO "DEFINITELY NOT PUT OUT OF MEXICO."

15. TWO PROFESSORS AT UA SAID THEY WEREN'T SURPRISED AT WALDO'S RESIGNATION SINCE HE HAD BEEN NEGLECTING HIS JOB. ONE PROFESSOR ATTRIBUTED THIS TO THE FACT WALDO UNDER CRESCENTOUS EMOTIONAL STRAIN SINCE HIS WIFE ALLEGEDLY IN STATES UNITING FOR DEGREE ON DIVORCE SHE FILED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.

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